House Resolution No. 4314

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rutherford, treasured residents of Middletown, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on July 28, 2007, with a festive celebration to be held at the Middletown Baptist Church Fellowship Hall; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on April 12, 1957, Dean Rutherford and Peggy Dixon began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Robertson; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Rutherford provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee of Harbison-Walker Refractories for thirty-eight years, while Mrs. Rutherford enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as an OATS bus driver for twenty years; and

Whereas, devout members of Middletown Baptist Church, Dean and Peggy Rutherford attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their six children and their spouses, Darrell and Tina Rutherford, Donnie Rutherford, Joe and Christine Rutherford, Dennis and Stacy Rutherford, Lisa and Mike McClanahan, and LaDonna and Mark Nobbe; their nine grandchildren, Kyle, Aaron, Erica, Jordyn, Hannah, Matthew, Courtney, McKenzie, and Maria; and their great-grandson, Brenden; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Dean and Peggy Rutherford have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Dean and Peggy Rutherford upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rutherford.

Offered by Representative Terry L. Witte District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4314, adopted July 25, 2007.